GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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POACHING OF MIGRATORY SIBERIAN BIRDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the poaching of migratory Siberian Birds in 989 beegah pond of Jamuanwa Gram Sabha in the district of Azamgarh of Uttar Pradesh is taking place unabated;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of persons involved therein;

(d) the numbers of persons arrested on this count from October, 2004 to March, 2005;

(e) the details of action taken against them;

(f) the steps taken by the Government to give protection to Siberian Birds; and

(g) by when the poaching will be checked completely?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir. There is no such report.

(b), (c), (d) & (e) Does not arise.

(f) Steps taken for protection of Siberian Cranes are as follows-

i. Indian Crane species are protected under various schedules of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
ii. Important wetland sites with crane population have been declared as RAMSAR sites, National Parks, Sanctuaries or Wetlands of National importance.
iii. A strict vigil is being undertaken by the State Government to protect the migratory birds.

(g) Enforcement is an on-going process and all necessary assistance is being provided to State Governments to check poaching.